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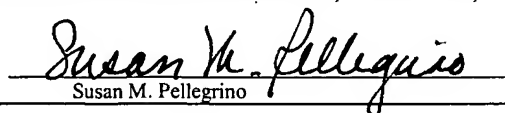
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2004 (Paper No. 09022004), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-11 and 17-24, as drawn to non-elected subject matter.

Please amend claim 12, as shown in the attached sheets (pages 4-6).